to be available at Maharashtra is fully allocated. No allocation has been made for the power project at Rewas/Mandria. It is not feasible to consider any allocation for new projects. The supply of gas to Maharashtra is being stepped up to the level of 16 MMSCND with the commissioning of the ICP-Heera Trunk line.

Comparative Price of GAIL Gas from Oman

6263. SHRI CHINMANBHAI MEHTA: SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the GAIL price of gas per 1,000 cubic meter is Rs. 2,800 and the gas price from Oman pipe line is to cost Rs. 5,800 per 1,000 cubic meter; and

(b) what amount has been spent on exploration of Oman gas Pipe Line and by when the study of all the connected aspects would be over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The current price of gas sold by GAIL is Rs. 1850 per thousand cubic meter exclusive of transportation charges, royalty, duties and taxes. The price of Oman gas will be linked to the international prices of a basket of crude and products, according to a formula to be mutually agree.

(b) The Government of India has not incurred any expenditure on exploration of Oman Gas Pipeline, Phase-II of the feasibility study undertaken by the Oman Oil Company is scheduled to be completed by mid-1995.

Sanctioning of Diesel Pumps on Recommendations of Punjab Government

6264. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 18 diesel utility pumps were allotted on the recommendation of the Punjab Government in favour of different parties in 1981;

(b) if so, what are the names of these parties;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the parties except one, have been sanctioned the diesel pumps and they have started operations; and

(d) if so, the reasons to keep pending the allotment of this party and what is the present stage of the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The Government of Punjab recommended for the regularisation of the following 18 diesel utility pumps in 1981.

1. M/s. Handa Oil Store, Jadla, Jalandhar,
2. M/s. Joginder Pal Subhash Chandra. Aur, Jalandhar.
3. M/s. Surinder Oil Store, Sangojal, Kapurthala.
4. M/s. Hen* Rai Gopal Krishnan, Ditturpur, Patiala.
5. M/s. Jagdamba F/STN , Jakhepal, Sangrur.
6. M/s. Bajaj Oil Stores. Muloindpur, Jalandhar.
7. M/s. Adampur Oil Stores, Adampur, Jalandhar.
8. M/s. Surinder Paul, Shaina, Sangrur.
9. M/s. Subhash Oil Stores, Malaud, Ludhiana.
10. M/s. Krishan Lai Dinesh Kumar, Behram, Jalandhar.